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PRIORITY OF
THE BINOMIAL *PYROLA CHLORANTHA*

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Some confusion exists in the literature concerning the usage and priority of the binomials *P. chlorantha* Swartz and *P. virens* Schreber in Schweigger & Koerte. The most commonly used binomial for the green-flowered shinleaf in Europe up to and including the present time, and in North America until 1941, was *P. chlorantha* (Swartz, 1810). Fernald's short note (1941) in which he cited *P. virens* as antedating *P. chlorantha* by six years resulted in the common acceptance of the former name in most North American publications. However, the Flora Erlangensis of 1804 does not mention *Pyrola virens*.

It becomes clear, however, that *P. chlorantha* has priority over *P. virens* when the publication containing the original description of *P. virens* is closely examined (Schweigger & Koerte, 1811). The 1811 publication, Flora Erlangensis, is composed of two parts plus an Addenda et Corrigenda to Part I. The pagination of the addendum is sequential to that in Part I which is taken directly from a doctoral dissertation by Schweigger (1804).

A. F. Schweigger and F. Koerte published Flora Erlangensis in 1811 at which time the addendum as well as Part II were bound with a facsimile of the 1804 publication. The title page for the addendum bears neither of the authors' names, whereas the author of Part I is clearly indicated as being Schweigger and the authors of Part II as being Schweigger and Koerte. In the preface to the com-

plete volume written by Koerte, it is stated that all the additions which are preceded by an asterisk are the work of J. C. D. von Schreber, who had reviewed the manuscript. *P. virens* on p. 154 of the addendum is preceded by an asterisk. There appears to be no question that the valid date of publication of *P. virens* is 1811, one year after the publication of the binomial *P. chlorantha*. The correct citation for the former is as follows: *P. virens* Schreber in Schweigger & Koerte, Fl. Erlang. I, add. p. 154. 1811.

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